GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION MODERNISATION EXPANSION OF MAJOR HIGHWAYS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Major Highways planned for construction or modernisation or expansion during the next three years;

(b) the details of the construction of Express Highways and Golden Quadrilateral;

(c) the details of the National Highways, their expansion, modernisation or constructionin Kerala during the present and coming two years;

(d) whether there is any plan for the construction of Bypass on N.H. 49; and

(e) if so, the details of the stages thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) &(b): Government have approved the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) consisting of Golden Quadrilateral linking four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Mumbai,Chennai and Kolkata in a length of 5952 Km. and North-South and East-West corridors connecting Srinagar in Kashmir to Kanayakumari with Salem-Cochin spur and Porbandar with Silchar aggregating a length of 7300 Km. The estimated cost of this project is Rs.54,000 Crores and the project envisage 4/6 laning of National Highways.

(c): Development/improvement works such as widening to two lanes, improvement of riding quality, construction of bypasses and bridges etc. aggregating to Rs.110.64 Crores for National Highways in Kerala are included in the current Annual Programme 2000-2001. The proposed Annual Programme 2001-2002 for Kerala State contains provision for works aggregating to Rs.177.45 Crores. Annual Programme for 2002-2003 is yet to be prepared.

(d)&(e) : There are three bypasses proposed on NH 49 namely
(i) Tripunithura bypass
(ii) Kothmagalam bypass and
(iii) Muvattapuzha bypass. Provision for Land Acquisition for Thripunithura bypass is included in the current Annual Programme 2000-2001. The proposed Annual Programme 2001-2002 includes provision for Land Acquisition for Kothmangalam bypass and Muvattupuzha bypass.